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In the above-identified Office Action the pending claims were again rejected as being obvious in view of a hypothetical combination of the cited Ueda and Clouthier patents. By this response, however, the claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to distinguish those claims over the rejecting references.

In particular, the claims provide for controlling the number of times a rendering command is input for each image area of a predetermined size. This feature of the invention is disclosed, for example, in Fig. 10 of the drawings and in the text of the Specification related thereto. Accordingly, Claim 1 now requires

“a developing step for developing raster data of a predetermined size for each image based on said rendering command;

wherein if an image area of said predetermined size has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times for said identifying step, said obtaining step, said correction step, and said developing step, and

if an image area of said predetermined size does not have said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time for said identifying step and said developing step.”

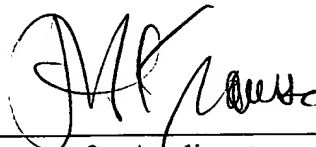
Referring now to the cited references, Applicant submits that the invention as now set forth in the claims is not disclosed in a combination of the Ueda or Clouthier

patents because neither of those patents are believed to disclose the requirement for determining whether an image area has a specific type of object or not. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 as now presented is patentably distinct over those patents. Moreover, the other claims, as now amended, are patentable for the same reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 1.

For these various reasons it is believed that all of the remaining claims, as now presented, are allowable and a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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